

CAMDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of meeting - April 30, 2014

Members present: Robin Kern, Doug Johnson (Chair), Barbara Melchisky, Roger Rittmaster and Tom Hopps. Member excused: Carla Ferguson. Landon Fake also present.

Doug called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes of the meetings of February 26 and April 2 were approved.

Note: Fifth Nature Walk will be at Tanglewood in Lincolnville, May 3, 10-Noon.

Old Business

Comprehensive Plan - Overview of Chapter 17 led by Barbara. Members present agreed to propose changing the wording in D. Natural Resources, Local Goals to - "To identify those natural systems that are of such intrinsic value that they should be protected from development." Robin will research to determine if State Goals have changed. Under item 7. Goose River Watershed, members present agreed to propose (c) - "Since the watershed is in both Camden and Rockport, responsibility should be shared by CEO's and Conservation Commissions of both towns." Roger will research Coastal Mountains Land Trust language concerning this watershed. Overview of the Comprehensive Plan will continue from item 8 at the next meeting.

Snow Bowl Inventory of significant trees - This month Doug and Tom identified and inventoried 15 trees to be saved along the former 22 Tack Trail that is to be reconfigured into what is to be called The Multipurpose Trail.

Proposed Donation to Maine Farmland Trust - Robin refreshed a 2012 voted request by this commission to donate \$500 from our reserve account of \$2396 to Maine Farmland Trust.

New Business

Roger briefed us on vernal pools and wetlands. He recommends doing an inventory of known vernal pools in Camden.

Tom reported on his attendance at Maine Land Trust Conference in Topsham last weekend and his attendance at a GIS presentation for area CEO's in this room earlier today.

Robin reported that she presented an explanation of The Heritage Tree project to the Select Board earlier this month.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Hopps, Secretary

*next meeting May 28*